need for appointing Rail Travellers' Service Agents, they call for the applications. The conditions for appointment of Rail Travellers' Service Agents are as under :

(i) Applicant should be in possession of the latest Income Tax Clearance Certificate;

(ii) Applicant should be having office and premises properly maintained with adequate conveniences and amenities in the city so as to accommodate the visit of sufficient number of customers; and

(iii) Applicant should not be convicted in a criminal case involving moral turpitude.

At present, 481 Rail Travellers' Service Agents are functioning over all the Zonal Railways.

[English]

Deposit of Minerals in States

4156. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

the Aluminium, Copper, Granite, Lead and Zinc deposits in each State as on December 31, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : As per the information available, the State-wise total recoverable reserves of bauxite (i.e. for aluminium), copper, granite, lead and zinc deposits is indicated in the enclosed Statement. The reserve position as on 31.12.1996 has not yet been compiled.

Statement

State	Total Reserves
1	2
*Mineral-Bauixte (Unit-Thousand Tonnes)**	
1. Andhra Pradesh	592001.00
2. Bihar	61104.00
3. Goa	28089.00
4. Gujarat	107744.00
5. Jammu and Kashmir	1783.00
6. Karnataka	27416.00
7. Kerala	7923.00
8. Madhya Pradesh	140791.00
9. Maharashtra	87250.00
10. Meghalaya	896.00
11. Orissa	1442276.00
12. Rajasthan	319.00
13. Tamil Nadu	18327.00
14. Uttar Pradesh	9420.00
Mineral-Copper (Unit-Thousand Tonnes) (as on 1.4.93)	
1. Andhra Pradesh	
Ore	12028
Metal	137
2. Bihar	
Ore	113823
Metal	1149
3. Gujarat	
Ore	8124
Metal	78
4. Karnataka	
Ore	5386
Metal	42
5. Madhya Pradesh	
Ore	180693
Metal	1752
6. Maharashtra	
Ore	606
Metal	9
7. Meghalaya	
Ore	616
Metal	5
8. Orissa	
Ore	3226
Metal	31
9. Rajasthan	
Ore	80346
Metal	908
10. Sikkim	
Ore	880
Metal	13
11. Uttar Pradesh	
Ore	1120
Metal	18
12. West Bengal	
Ore	79
Metal	1
Mineral-Lead and Zinc (reserves as on 1.4.93) (Unit-Thousand Tonnes)	
1. Andhra Pradesh	
Ore	1866
Lead Metal	70

1	2
2. Gujarat	
Ore	7875
Lead Metal	163
Zinc Metal	332
3. Madhya Pradesh	
Ore	615
Zinc Metal	26
4. Meghalaya	
Ore	660
Lead Metal	6
Zinc Metal	7
5. Orissa	
Ore	2167
Lead Metal	79
6. Rajasthan	
Ore	168159
Lead Metal	1997
Zinc Metal	9371
7. Sikkim	
Ore	529
Lead Metal	5
Zinc Metal	9
8. Tamil Nadu	
Ore	462
Lead Metal	3
Zinc Metal	17
9. Uttar Pradesh	
Ore	1200
Lead Metal	17
Zinc Metal	37
10. West Bengal	
Ore	2781
Lead Metal	50
Zinc Metal	67
*Mineral - Granite (Unit - Thousand Cubic Metres)**	
1. Assam	205520
2. Bihar	90569
3. Haryana	13600
4. Karnataka	195386
5. Kerala	30
6. Maharashtra	80828
7. Rajasthan	7
8. Tamil Nadu	16679
9. West Bengal	4320

Besides the above states granite (Dimension Stone) is also occuring in the states of A.P., Gujarat, M.P., Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh where the reserves have not been intimated and in orissa the resources are of prospective and prognestic category.

National Mineral Inventory as on 1.4.1990.

Telephone Facility in the Rural Areas of Andhra Pradesh

4157. SHRI VENKATARAMI REDDY ANANTHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to provide telephone facility in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the target fixed to provide telephone facility to the rural area of Andhra Pradesh during the next financial year and the time by which this target is likely to be achieved;

(d) the rate of call proposed to be charged in these rural areas and the rent likely to be paid by the villages for new connections;

(e) whether the villages are also proposed to be provided with STD facility; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. the Government has planned to provide telephone facility to all the villages of Andhra Pradesh progressively.

(b) District-wise details of Village Public Telephones provided in Andhra Pradesh upto 28.2.1997 are given in Statement-I.

(c) Targets for 1997-98 have not yet been finalised.

(d) The details are enclosed in the Statement-II.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. All villages will be provided with STD facility during the IXth Five Year Plan progressively.

Statement-I

S. No.	Name of the SSA	Status of Telecom facility to villages as on 28.02.1997.	
		On physical Lines	on MARR
1	2	3	4
1.	Adilabad	230	511
2.	Anantapur	566	295